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Project Summary	Developing training modules and identifying web-based resources targeted for use by State Department staff for engagement with religious actors and communities in conducting U.S. foreign policy.
Country	United States
Country/Region of Focus	Global

Project Description

The Office of Religion and Global Affairs provides analysis of religion's role in foreign affairs and strives to educate American foreign policy actors on the importance of engaging international religious actors and communities in making foreign policy. The VSFS interns chosen for this project will work with the policy advisor responsible for education and assessment to develop religious-scenario case studies as training aids and identify worthwhile electronic resources for inclusion on RGA's virtual library. The case studies typically identify key religion-oriented events and develop these events into two-page models of religious assessment using RGA's assessment handbook as the guiding framework. Electronic resource collection will focus on identifying easily accessible web-based resources that Department staff can employ to further their missions. Interns will be drawn into further projects as needed.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Research

Additional Information

Interns will both be working on preparing training scenarios and identifying electronic source material for Department staff. This may require working in tandem at times. For more about RGA, please go to this site: https://www.state.gov/s/rga/

Language Requirements

None